



Town of Cummington

33 Main Street

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Cummington, MA 01026

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Special Permit Decision/Record

The members of the Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals, hereby certify that the following is a record of all the board's proceedings pertaining to the application of Matthew White as the prospective buyer of the existing quarry on Berkshire Trail at the Goshen line, described in the Deed recorded in Book 11857, Page 188; and in the Plan of Land recorded in Book 218, Page 40, both in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds; and presently owed by T & J Stone Properties, LLC.

The application to the board is dated February 23, 2023. The application requests a special permit to operate a stone quarry under the existing permit provisions granted to Jill Hazen (dba) T & J Stone Properties, LLC; and as provided in the Use Regulation Schedule, Section 5-20, Gravel bank, Quarry, etc., of the Zoning By-law. The application is attached as Exhibit 1, and made part of this record.

A notice of public hearing on this special permit, a true copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2, and made part of this record, was:

1. published in the Country Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in Cummington, on March 16 & 23, 2023 and;
2. posted on the bulletin boards of the Community House, Post Office, and The Creamery at least 14 days before the hearing on April 10, 2023 and;
3. mailed on or before February 28, 2023 postage prepaid, to the applicant, abutters to the property in question, owners of land directly opposite from the property in question on any private or public way, and abutters to abutters whose property is located within 300 feet of the property line of the property in question. The notice was mailed to the names of persons and at the addresses as provided by the most recent tax list kept by the Board of Assessors in both Cummington and Goshen with the Assessors certifying such names and addresses, and attached as Exhibits 3 & 4, and made part of this record and;
4. mailed to the Planning Boards of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Goshen, Plainfield, Peru, Windsor, and Worthington

The public hearing of this special permit application was held on April 10, 2023 at the Community House at 7:00 PM, at which time opportunity was given to all those interested to be heard in favor of, or opposition to, issuance of said special permit. The following members of the board were present: Carla Ness, Chair; Kenneth Howes, Ernest Strong, Eric Smith, Members; Geoffrey Kenseth and William Hoehne, Associate Members; and Michael Holden, Clerk, via telephone.

A true copy of the minutes of the hearing is attached as Exhibit 5, and made part of this record.

After the public comment portion of the hearing was closed the following motion was made, seconded, and approved by a unanimous vote of the five voting members, Ness, Holden, Strong, Smith, and Kenseth: "To grant a special permit to Matthew White **to operate a stone quarry** business at the site of the existing T & J Stone Properties, LLC located on Berkshire Trail at the Goshen line, and identified in Book 11857, Page 188; and in the Plan of Land recorded in Book 218, Page 40, in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, with the following conditions in addition to the Zoning By-law:

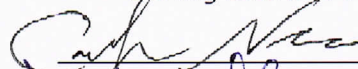
1. **Hours of operations: Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Saturday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM with no quarrying activities (open for retail sales, maintenance, etc., but no actual quarrying); closed Sundays**
2. **Crusher activities limited to 30 days per year, Monday – Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**
3. **Must observe 100' setback on all boundaries, as shown on plan, to act as a buffer and to remain in its natural state.**
4. **The permittee shall notifying abutters and other interested parties, and this notice shall be received a minimum of 3 days in advance of any blasting activities. Notification shall be by U.S.P.S. mail using the most recent abutters lists as provided by the Assessors of both Cummington and Goshen. The ZBA shall convene a public meeting in July 2024 to monitor and/or alter either or both, the notification plan, or the number of days of crushing activity based on input at the meeting.**
5. **Within six months of the cessation of quarrying activities or the apparent cessation of any business activities, a plan (closing plan) describing by word, and showing by drawing, actions to be taken to beautify and make safe the quarry for future generations shall be submitted for approval to the ZBA. The plan should, for example but not limited to, include grading, seeding, perhaps some filling, etc.; and comply with any local, state, or federal laws, by-laws, ordinances, or regulations in force at the time of the closing. The closing plan must be executed and completed within six months of approval by the ZBA.**
6. **This special permit is being granted to Matthew White as prospective buyer subject to his purchase of the property. It becomes effective only upon the completion of the sale, otherwise it is null and void."**

The ZBA granted the special permit based on following finding and reason: The proposed stone quarry is an approved use as provided in the Use Regulation Schedule, Section 5-20, Gravel bank, Quarry, etc.

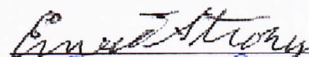
All Special Permits issued by the ZBA in the Town of Cummington are issued to the Permittee, and do not "run with the land".

April 10, 2023

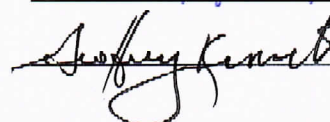
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 Carla Ness

 Michael Holden

 Ernest Strong

 Eric Smith

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Zoning Board of Appeals

Application for Special Permit, Variance, or Appeal

Name of Applicant: Matt White

Applicant's Mailing Address: 346 Elm St
Pittsfield Ma. 01201

Location of Property: 0 BERKSHIRE TRAIL 032.0-0008-0000.0
(Street number and name, and Assessors' Map and Lot numbers)

Applicant is prospective buyer (Owner, tenant, licensee, prospective buyer, etc.)

Applicable section(s) of the Zoning By-law: SECTION 5-20 GRAVEL BANK, QUARRY, ETC.^M

(It is very important that you cite all applicable sections of the Zoning By-law from which you are seeking relief. At the hearing the ZBA can only decide on matters that were included in the published/posted Public Notice of the hearing. The reasoning being that the public has the right to offer input on any given matter and be present at the hearing, but if they weren't accurately informed as to the nature of the hearing, how could they know whether or not to participate?)

Date of denial or Notice of Violation (if applicable) by the Building Inspector, Planning Board, etc. _____ (Please include a photocopy of denial or Notice of Violation)

Please describe the nature of your request: (If necessary, use the back of this page, or attach a page to it.)

I'm looking to buy back my stone quarry in Cummington, Rte. 9. I'd
look to operate under the existing permit provisions. No changes from existing
permit.

I request a hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals in regard to the matter stated above.

Applicant's Signature: Matt White Date: 02/23/23^{MH}

ZBA Chair or Clerk's Signature: [Signature] Date: 02/23/23

Received from Applicant, the amount of **\$100.00** to apply toward advertising costs and expenses.

Town Clerk's Signature: _____ Date: _____
The Town Clerk cannot accept this application until after the ZBA Chair or Clerk has signed in the box above.



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Instructions and Procedures for applying for Special Permits, Variances, or Appeals

1. Obtain/download this 4 page Application Packet with instructions. These are available in the vestibule of the Community House, or www.cummington-ma.gov/
2. **Please complete "Application for Special Permit, Variance, or Appeal"** (page 3). Assessors' Map and Lot numbers can be found on a recent Tax Bill or acquired from the Board of Assessors. The Assessors' meetings vary based on their schedule. The Assessors' Clerk's hours are Mondays 9:30 – 11:30 am (413-200-5010).
3. **Please complete "Assessors' Notification"** (page 4).
4. **Please prepare a scale drawing of the property.** Include all buildings and structures, and identifying features such as streets, driveways, parking spaces, rivers or streams, stonewalls, sign locations, etc. **If your application involves construction, you should also submit copies of the Plans used (or that will be used) in your Building Permit application.** In general, the more prepared and the more documentation you present, the fewer questions the ZBA will have. Questions that cannot be answered by your presentation at the Hearing often result in a delay of the process.
5. **Please call the ZBA Chair or ZBA Clerk,** that person will make a quick review of your application to make certain that it is complete. This will only take a moment or two. The ZBA member will not pass judgment on the merits of your application, but simply check to make certain that it is complete. In the past, incomplete applications have had to be returned causing delays of several weeks. This does not benefit anyone, and is extremely frustrating for both the applicant and the ZBA. It is hoped that this procedure will eliminate these situations, although ultimately the responsibility for the completeness of the application still rests with the applicant.
6. **After having had your application reviewed by the ZBA Chair or Clerk,** please mail or deliver the "Assessors' Notification" (page 4) to the Board of Assessors. The Assessors will then provide a list of abutters to the ZBA.
7. **Please bring your Application** (page 3, and any/all supporting documents) **to the Town Clerk.** You must provide seven (7) paper copies and a .PDF file* of the entire application, along with a check in the amount of \$100.00 made payable to the "Town of Cummington". This is to help defray the cost of publishing the Legal Notice of the hearing in local newspaper(s). Town Clerk's hours are Monday 8:00 - 10:00 am; Thursday from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm at the Community House (call to confirm, phone 413-200-5011).

8. A hearing will be scheduled within 65 days of the Town Clerk's receipt of the completed application. The applicant, all abutters, and all town Boards are notified by mail of the time and date of the hearing. Notice of the hearing is also published in the "Legal Notice" section of the local newspaper(s). Hearings take place at the Community House.
9. After the hearing, the ZBA makes its decision within 90 days. The decision is then filed with the Town Clerk within 14 days. Notice of the decision is mailed to all town Boards and abutters. The Town Clerk holds the decision for 20 days to see if anyone appeals it. If the decision is not appealed, the applicant may obtain from the Town Clerk the "Notice for Recording" and take this form to the Registry of Deeds for recording, and then return a signed copy to the Town Clerk, who then files it with the record of the proceedings.

* The .PDF file may be emailed to the ZBA clerk at: mholden@cummington-ma.gov
It is also possible that the .PDF requirement **may** be waived for applications of nominal length, at the discretion of the clerk.

My name is Matt White. Recently, I received a phone call from the owner of my old quarry on Rte 19 Cummington. In the call, I was offered my quarry back. I have agreed, signed a P & S agreement and hope to have a second opportunity in the stone quarry business. After reviewing the current "permit" that T & J Stone Properties LLC operates under, I'd like to have the exact rules that they operate under. My goal is to continue work in the quarry and stay all of the rules under the permit. I am very familiar with the quarry and have also built a masonry business where I use granite stone regularly. With the blessing of the town and neighbors, I look forward to becoming part of the town again. Thank you so much for your time and your considerations!

(If more detailed information is needed let me know)

Sincerely,
Matt White

Quarry Site (Rte. 9, Cummington Ma)

My plan is to operate in the same area that has been opened up for existing operation. The area has been opened up in a way that the quarrying is moving forward, has a lot of space for staging and safety. My business will "mirror" existing quarry activity in the area. Drill, blast, extract and separate. The quarry already has ~~an~~ an established "rock face" where the current owners have been operating. I will continue work on that ~~rock~~ rock ledge (face) and move forward for future extraction. Site work has been established already making my transition a bit easier. I intend to start activity this spring. I hope this helps explain the site better for you all to understand.

Sincerely,
Phyllis H.



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Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing Notice

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Any person interested or wishing to be heard on these matters should appear at the above-designated time and place.

Michael Holden, Clerk
Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals

OTIS

Election information announced

OTIS – The Otis Town Clerk announces the deadline for citizen's petitions is Thursday, April 20 at noon to the Board of Registrars for articles to be placed on the Tuesday, May 16 Annual Town Meeting warrant. They should be returned to the Town Clerk at the Otis Town Hall, 1 North Main St.

Thursday, April 4 at 5 p.m. is the last day and hour to request being placed on the caucus ballot for the Annual Caucus to be held Tuesday, April 11.

The Annual Town Election is Tuesday, May 23.

Positions on this year's Caucus are one select person for three years, one Moderator for one year, one Tree Warden for one year, one Finance Board member for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Cemetery Commissioners for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Planning Board member for three years,

one Planning Board member for five years and one School Committee member for three years.

If people wish to run for any of the above positions, the Town Clerk can mail or email them the caucus request form. If they would like to take out nomination papers, please make an appointment to come to the Town Clerk office. Most people are unaware that nomination papers are available and they only run at the caucus. People can do both.

To run for office on a nomination paper, a candidate must get at least 20 signatures from registered voters in the Town of Otis. If the required 20 signatures are obtained and certified, then their name will appear on the Annual Town Election ballot on May 23. They must pick up the nomination paper in Town Clerk office, get the required number of signatures, and return them by Tuesday, April 4, at 5 p.m.

Otis Library hosts story walk

OTIS – The Otis Library, 48 North Main Road, story walk will run now through Saturday, April 1. The book is

"A Walk on the Farmington River Trail" by Rachel Carson. It is set up behind St. Mary's of the Lake's Church.

Easter Egg hunt to take place April 1

OTIS – An Easter Egg hunt will take place Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. at the Otis Town Hall. This event is free for Otis residents of all ages. Participants should bring their own basket and wear appropriate clothing and boots for the weather.

There will be a separate section of children under three years of age. The Easter bunny will be here. Rain date is Sunday, April 2 at 10 a.m. The date of the egg hunt was incorrectly listed in last week's edition.

STORM

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BLANDFORD

Fire destroys tractor trailer cab

By Mary Kronholm
Correspondent

BLANDFORD – Black plumes of smoke could be seen billowing upwards from as far away as downtown Westfield Friday, March 10 at noon.

There was a tractor trailer fire on the ramp at mile marker 12 quite near the service areas.

According to Deputy Chief Thomas Ackley, the cab of an empty flatbed trailer was reduced to the frame and wheels. "It was all fiberglass," he said, which gives off "a petroleum type of smoke." That was what produced the dark heavy smoke.

Ackley said that there was nothing left of the cab. "We couldn't determine the make or license," the fire destroyed everything.

There was not a "big spill" of

fuel, but the firefighters did use foam to extinguish the fire, as well as about 1,700 gallons of water trucked to the site by Blandford's two tankers.

Ackley said there was a language barrier as he spoke with the driver of the truck. When he asked what happened, the response was, "I pulled over, got out and it went boom."

"It was an accident," said Ackley. It was impossible to ascertain the make or license of the cab because of the intensity of the fire, he added.

The five Blandford volunteer firefighters, who responded using foam to help extinguish the fire, although the Westfield Fire Department was on site for the mutual aid call and assisted. Ackley said the fire started "probably as the result of an oil cooler line." Blandford was onsite for quite a while until details were sorted out.

Blandford prepares for snow storm

By Mary Kronholm
Correspondent

BLANDFORD – Preparing for the heavily hyped snow storm beginning Monday March 13 and to continue through the wee hours Wednesday, the town was nearly completely shut down on Monday.

The Post Office, Country Store and Porter Memorial Library were open.

Rolling up the sidewalks actually started Friday with the official announcement that the Special Town Meeting set for Monday was postponed until the following week. Monday, March 20 at 7 p.m. A reverse 911 call was activated to make that announcement, at the same time proclaiming the transfer station would be closed Tuesday but business as usual Saturday, March 18.

The Select Board Monday night meeting was rescheduled for Thursday, March 16 at 6 p.m. with a brief meeting scheduled prior to the Special Town Meeting.

In honor of the "first big snowstorm of the year," Highway Superintendent David Waldron said the Highway employees were out pushing snowbanks back to make room for more snow. He also said the department was "making sure there are no issues with plow hydraulics and all the vehicle lights are operable."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF CUMMINGTON
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR
NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL UTILITIES CONCERNED YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 30, 2023 at 10 o'clock a.m. at the Collector's Office, City Hall, P.O. BOX 250, Huntington, MA 01501, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 80B, Section 33, the following described parcels of land will BE TAKEN FOR THE Town of Huntington for non-payment of taxes due thereon, with the interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Sue Papano,
Collector

Property Location: THOMAS RD
Assessed Owner(s): CARRINGTON BARBARA E
Subsequent Owner:
Tax Bill #: 14

Map/Parcel ID: 253 22 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 34840 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 4027 Page 60. Balance due FY 2022 \$401.10; balance FY 2021 \$480.77; balance FY 2019 \$409.56; FY 2018 \$0.12; balance FY 2017 \$245.32

Property Location: BROMLEY RD
Assessed Owner(s): GREAT MOOSE REC ASSOC INC
Subsequent Owner:
Tax Bill #: 43

Map/Parcel ID: 255 20 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 235580 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1458 Page 589. Balance FY 2022 \$2548.80; balance FY 2021 \$2841.44; balance FY 2020 \$3894.82; balance FY 2019 \$3091.02

Property Location: 7 ROCKY BROOK RD
Assessed Owner(s): BLEVINS JON
Subsequent Owner:
Tax Bill #: 174

Map/Parcel ID: 324 84 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 25134 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1494 Page 164. Balance FY 2022 \$4799.05; balance FY 2021 \$4783.22; balance FY 2020 \$5134.97; balance FY 2019 \$3486.71

Property Location: 23 NAGLER CROSS RD
Assessed Owner(s): CHARBONNEAU BETTEV
Subsequent Owner: CHARBONNEAU KRYSTLE

Subsequent Owner:
Tax Bill #: 215

Map/Parcel ID: 326 75 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 109435 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12525 Page 210. Balance due FY 2022 \$4270.79; balance due FY 2021 \$4319.13; balance due FY 2020 \$4851.61

Property Location: 117 GOSS HILL RD
Assessed Owner(s): MACK FERRIS C
Subsequent Owner: MACK PATRICIA C

Subsequent Owner:
Tax Bill #: 149

Map/Parcel ID: 326 50 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 72091 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1584 Page 98. Balance due FY 2022 \$1567.18; balance due FY 2021 \$1717.58

Property Location: GOSS HILL RD
Assessed Owner(s): MACK FERRIS C
Subsequent Owner: MACK PATRICIA C

Subsequent Owner:
Tax Bill #: 250

Map/Parcel ID: 326 51 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 171180 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1502 Page 645. Balance due FY 2022 \$1742.60; balance due FY 2021 \$1535.59

Property Location: COUNTY RD
Assessed Owner(s): HAMLET HOMES LLC
Subsequent Owner:
Tax Bill #: 1479

Map/Parcel ID: 444 13 B

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 714900 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 11584 Page 101. Balance due FY 2022 \$11795.07

Property Location: OLD CHESTER RD
Assessed Owner(s): SMITH JASON
Subsequent Owner:
Tax Bill #: 831

Map/Parcel ID: 11 72 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 59677 square feet of land and being in Book 10405 Page 274. Balance due FY 2022 \$11275; balance due FY 2021 \$10913.

Property Location: 75 MOUNTAIN VIEW DR
Assessed Owner(s): JOYNER CUSTOM HOMES INC
Subsequent Owner:
Tax Bill #: 1404

Map/Parcel ID: N3 J1 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 27480 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 4664 Page 115. Balance due FY 2022 \$774.56

Property Location: WORTHINGTON RD
Assessed Owner(s): BERGE ELIZABETH A
Subsequent Owner:
Tax Bill #: 1303

Map/Parcel ID: N2 J3 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 30492 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 3436 Page 143. Balance due FY 2022 \$30.69

Property Location: CHRISTENT ST
Assessed Owner(s): WORMS HARRY JR
Subsequent Owner:
Tax Bill #: 947

Map/Parcel ID: 112 87 A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 2613 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 4664 Page 233. Balance due FY 2022 \$30.77; balance due FY 2021 \$59.63; balance due FY 2020 \$17.32

03/16/2023

Cummington ZBA Hearing
Public Notice

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Michael Hadden, Clerk
Cummington
Zoning Board of Appeals
03/16, 03/23/2023

OBITUARIES

Norma B. (Wise) Larssen, 88

CANYON LAKE, TX – Norma B. (Wise) Larssen, of Canyon Lake, Texas passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 13, 2023, she was 88.

Born in White Plains, New York, she grew up in Chester and was a 1952 graduate of Chester High School.

Norma was born on Oct. 18, 1934. After graduating high school, she lived in the Westfield/Huntington area through 1974 while raising her family. She then headed south to New Orleans where she spent 10 years before moving to her beloved Texas. While in Texas, Norma and husband Ray owned several businesses in the Canyon Lake area including her favorite, Potters Creek General Store.

Norma enjoyed playing scrabble, a good market,



feeding every stray cat in the area and country music. She would always stop whatever she was doing to sing and dance along to her favorite tune by Darius Rucker, "Wagon Wheel."

She was predeceased by her parents Ed Wise and Lillian (Howard) Mitchell, her husband, Ray Larssen, and brother, Gary Wise. She is survived by her three sons, Douglas Nelson and wife Patty, Donald Nelson, David Nelson and wife Cherie, and daughter in law, Terri Nelson. She also leaves behind six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Norma will truly be missed by her family and many dear friends. In lieu of flowers, Norma would want everyone to feed a stray cat or donate to your local animal shelter.

Gary Lee Roy, 66

BLANDFORD – Gary Lee Roy, 66, of Blandford passed away on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at his home. Gary was born April 19, 1956 to Reynold and Lucille Roy. Gary graduated in 1974 from Westfield Vocational High School where he studied carpentry.

After high school Gary entered the Air Force in 1975 where he was stationed in Merced, California and was a heavy equipment operator. Gary returned to Westfield in 1978 and was employed as a carpenter.

He began a long career at the Springfield Bulk Mail facility in the early 1980s where he ultimately achieved the position of master mechanic and was a shop steward for several years. He retired in 2011 with over 30 years of service.

In his retirement years he returned to his initial profession of carpentry. Gary loved spending time with his family including snowmobile trips to Maine, Nascar races and sibling trips to the islands. He married June



Horak on June 4, 1988 in Westfield.

Gary is survived by Jane, his stepson David, his mother, Lucille Roy of Massachusetts, his four siblings, Karen Roy of Maryland, Deborah Vicari and husband Sal from Connecticut, Reynold Roy Jr. and Joan from Virginia and Brian Roy and Kristine from North Carolina; his sister-in-laws Alice Surico and Carol Kyllis as well as several nieces and nephews. Gary was predeceased by his stepson, John.

He enjoyed watching Nascar, was a big Red Sox fan and loved tinkering in his garage with his many toys.

His wake will be held on Friday, March 24 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Firtion Adams at 76 Broad St. Westfield MA 01085. A funeral Mass will be held at noon in Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 127 Holyoke Road, Westfield. Burial will be private at a later date. www.firtionadams.com.

Gary Hallock Sheldon, 87

Cleveland, TN – Gary Hallock Sheldon, 87, a resident of Cleveland, passed away Thursday, March 2, 2023 at the family residence.

Mr. Sheldon was born in Waltham, Vermont and he was the son of the late Vonda Hallock Sheldon and Richard Sheldon. His son, Keith James Sheldon, sisters, Patty Smith, Gail Sheldon, Diane Parks and Constance Goodrich also preceded him in death.

Mr. Sheldon was a U. S. Army Veteran serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a truck driver most of his life and he loved being on the road. He enjoyed the outdoors including hunting and traveling with his wife. He was a member of the Y.M.C.A. where he enjoyed water aerobics and he was a member of the Silver Sneakers group that walked at the mall. Mr. Sheldon attended the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 25+ years, Mary Sheldon of Cleveland, daughters, Rox-Anne Kellogg (Alan), Cummington, Massachusetts, Robin Sampson,



(Ronnie), Worthington, Massachusetts, Penny Whitney, Cleveland, sons, Richard Sheldon, (Robin) Ashfield, Massachusetts, Patrick Sheldon (Aloha), Washington, Michael Sheldon, (Lisa) Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Jimmy Sheldon (Sherry), Ashfield, Massachusetts, step sons, Alan Martineaux (Tawn), Dalton Georgia, Greg Martineaux (Ladonya), Harrison, Tennessee, 21 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren, sister, Norreen Sheldon, Vermont, brothers, Keith Craig (Annie), John Sheldon (Kathy), Randy Sheldon (Diane), all of Vermont and several nieces and nephews.

The Remembrance of Life Visitation was conducted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 from 1-3 p.m. at Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services Wildwood Chapel.

Interment and graveside service will be held at a later time in Vermont. The Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services Wildwood Chapel has charge of the arrangements. You may share your condolences and your memories with the Sheldon family at www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com.

DEATH NOTICES

LARSEN (WISE), NORMA B.

Died March 13, 2023

ROY, GARY LEE

Died March 19, 2023

Services March 24, 2023

SHELDON, GARY HALLOCK

Died March 2, 2023

Graveside Service at a later time in Vermont

Country Journal

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Cummington ZBA Hearing Public Notice

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L., Ch. 40A, § 11, the Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Community House, 33 Main Street, on Monday, April 10, 2023 starting at 7:00 PM, to consider the application of Matt White for a special permit for a quarry as provided by Section 520 of the zoning bylaw. He is in the process of repurchasing the existing quarry on Berkshire Trail at the Closter line, and is seeking a special permit under the same conditions as the existing permit. The complete application is available on the town's website: (www.cummingtonma.gov)

This property is located on Berkshire Trail, Assessor's map 82, lot 8.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on these matters should appear at the above-designated time and place.

Michael Holden, Clerk
Cummington
Zoning Board of Appeals
03/16, 03/23/2023

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MONTGOMERY

Cultural Council and library present cabaret concert

MONTGOMERY – The Montgomery Cultural Arts Council and Grace Hall Memorial Library present "In the Wee Small Hours" Cabaret Concert on Saturday, March 25 at noon in Montgomery Town Hall. It's a moveable feast of songs from the Great American Songbook with singer Mary Jo Malchack and the exciting keyboard accompaniment of Bob Shepherd. Thrill to moving renditions of standards. Mary Jo Malchack and Bob Shepherd have performed at The Colonial Theatre, Norman Rockwell Museum, Cranwell Resort and Nantucket Great Harbor Yacht Club. A light luncheon will be served.

HAYDENVILLE

Congregational Church has new pastor

HAYDENVILLE – The Haydenville Congregational Church has a new pastor, the Rev. Mark R. Seifried.

Following a unanimous vote by the congregation, Seifried began his role as a designated-term minister March 1.

The church has been without a pastor since January of 2022 when the Rev. Donald Morgan retired.

Under United Church of Christ guidelines, a designated-term minister is a transitional position, which allows for the possibility of calling him as a settled pastor at the end of two years.

A native of Missouri, Seifried attended Purdue University and Andover Newton Theological Seminary. Seifried has received training to serve congrega-



Rev. Mark R. Seifried

tions as an interim, transitional minister, something he's done in the past.

Before coming to Haydenville, Seifried was intentional interim minister of the First Congregational Church in Williamstown.

In 2010, Seifried stepped in as interim pastor at First Churches in Northampton upon the retirement of Rev. Peter Ives.

He has also served as interim minister at other congregational churches in Massachusetts, including Worcester, Auburn, Andover and Townsend.

Seifried and his partner live in the Northampton area.

The 172-year-old church on Route 9, with deep ties to the history of the Haydenville section of Williamstown, has 92 members.



300 foot Abutters List Report

Cummington, MA

February 27, 2023

Subject Property:

Parcel Number: 32-8
CAMA Number: 32-8
Property Address: 0 BERKSHIRE TRAIL

Mailing Address: T & J STONE PROPERTIES LLC
578 OYSTER RAKE
KIAWAH ISLAND, SC 29455

Abutters:

Parcel Number: 25-3
CAMA Number: 25-3
Property Address: 12 SHAW RD

Mailing Address: HARDENDORFF - TRUSTEE ERIC D
ERIC D HARDENDORFF LIVING TR
12 SHAW RD
CUMMINGTON, MA 01026

Parcel Number: 25-5
CAMA Number: 25-5
Property Address: 0 BERKSHIRE TRAIL

Mailing Address: COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS DEPT OF FISH &
GAME
251 CAUSEWAY ST - STE 400
BOSTON, MA 02114

Parcel Number: 32-13
CAMA Number: 32-13
Property Address: 12 B SWIFT RIVER RD

Mailing Address: WIERNASZ JUSTIN J WIERNASZ
CHRISTINE E
2543 SEYCHELLES DR - UNIT 603
NAPLES, FL 34112

Parcel Number: 32-2
CAMA Number: 32-2
Property Address: 12 SWIFT RIVER RD

Mailing Address: WIERNASZ JOYCE A WIERNASZ JUSTIN
& JEREMY
12 SWIFT RIVER RD
CUMMINGTON, MA 01026

Parcel Number: 32-3
CAMA Number: 32-3
Property Address: 0 SWIFT RIVER RD

Mailing Address: HOWES MARCUS HOWES STEPHANIE
112 BLUEBERRY HILL DR
HANOVER, NH 03755

Parcel Number: 32-5
CAMA Number: 32-5
Property Address: 05 BERKSHIRE TRAIL

Mailing Address: HOWES CHAD E HOWES TARA
101 MOUNT RD
CUMMINGTON, MA 01026

JOY JOHNS
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
CHAIR / CLERK

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2/27/2023

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Abutters List Report - Cummington, MA

03/03/2023	Town of Goshen	Page 1 of 1
10:18:28AM	Abutters List	

PARCEID	Location	Owner	Co-Owner	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
4-0-18-0	0 BERKSHIRE TRAIL WEST	WHALLON VUK		244 BERKSHIRE TRAIL WEST	GOSHEN	MA	01032
4-0-2-X	0 SHAW RD	KIDSTON ALLAN L	KIDSTON BONA FISKE	615 STAGE RD	CUMMINGTON	MA	01026
4-0-4-0	297 BERKSHIRE TRAIL WEST	MUISE STANLEY C	c/o MUISE STEVEN	57 HIGGINS CIR	CHICOPEE	MA	01020
4-0-58-0	0 SHAW RD	FROMM MARC		P.O. BOX 700	GOSHEN	MA	01032

End of Report

Board of Assessors
 Mary M. Papineau
 March 3, 2023



Town of Cummington

33 Main Street

P.O. Box 128

Cummington, MA 01026

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Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes of Matt White Hearing 2023-0410

The hearing was called to order at 7:06pm at the Community House by Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Chair, Carla Ness. Additional ZBA members in attendance were Kenneth Howes, Ernest Strong, Eric Smith, Members; Geoff Kenseth, William Hoehne, Alternate Members; and Michael Holden, Clerk, remotely via telephone.

Also in attendance was Matt White, the applicant. No other members of the general public were present.

Kenneth Howes explained that he was Matt White's uncle and that he had no financial or other interest in the enterprise at hand. Whereas the full board, all five members and the two alternates, were in attendance, it was simpler for him to recuse himself rather than submit a written notice of Apparent Conflict of Interest. This action resulted in the first alternate (Kenseth) becoming a voting participant in the hearing.

White discussed how he had been given the opportunity to repurchase the quarry that he had once owned. He stated that he could operate under the conditions of the existing special permit, but asked if the board would consider making a small modification. Both blasting and crushing were not aspects of the business that he would be doing personally. Because of the specialized skills and equipment required, these tasks would be contracted out to other companies. Typically, the crushing equipment was rented not by the day, but in longer increments like two weeks or a month. For this reason he asked if the crushing activity could be increased from the present permit allowance of 20 days, to 30 days per year. He further explained that crushing was not part of the day to day activities of the quarry. It was a once or twice a year activity that allowed for the waste (all the small bits of stones leftover from making the wall stone and flagging stone) to be put to use and create salable products such as 3/4" stone, and driveway mix.

Strong affirmed that heavy equipment of this nature was contracted in such a manner. The board did not feel that this was an unreasonable request, but did choose to make it conditional for one year, after which a meeting would be convened to review the process, and get input from the public.

The board also determined that the proposed stone quarry is an approved use as provided in the Use Regulation Schedule, Section 5-20, Gravel bank, Quarry, etc.

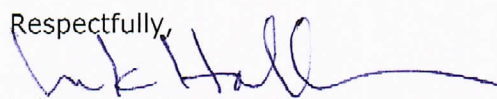
After the public comment portion of the hearing was closed the following motion was made, seconded, "To grant a special permit to Matthew White **to operate a stone quarry** business at the site of the existing T & J Stone Properties, LLC located on Berkshire Trail at the Goshen line, and identified in Book 11857, Page 188; and in the Plan of Land recorded in Book 218, Page 40, in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, with the following conditions in addition to the Zoning By-law:

1. **Hours of operations: Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Saturday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM with no quarrying activities (open for retail sales, maintenance, etc., but no actual quarrying); closed Sundays**
2. **Crusher activities limited to 30 days per year, Monday – Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**
3. **Must observe 100' setback on all boundaries, as shown on plan, to act as a buffer and to remain in its natural state.**
4. **The permittee shall notifying abutters and other interested parties, and this notice shall be received a minimum of 3 days in advance of any blasting activities. Notification shall be by U.S.P.S. mail using the most recent abutters lists as provided by the Assessors of both Cummington and Goshen. The ZBA shall convene a public meeting in July 2024 to monitor and/or alter either or both, the notification plan, or the number of days of crushing activity based on input at the meeting.**
5. **Within six months of the cessation of quarrying activities or the apparent cessation of any business activities, a plan (closing plan) describing by word, and showing by drawing, actions to be taken to beautify and make safe the quarry for future generations shall be submitted for approval to the ZBA. The plan should, for example but not limited to, include grading, seeding, perhaps some filling, etc.; and comply with any local, state, or federal laws, by-laws, ordinances, or regulations in force at the time of the closing. The closing plan must be executed and completed within six months of approval by the ZBA.**
6. **This special permit is being granted to Matthew White as prospective buyer subject to his purchase of the property. It becomes effective only upon the completion of the sale, otherwise it is null and void."**

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the five voting members of the Zoning Board of Appeals: Carla Ness, Michael Holden, Ernest Strong, Eric Smith, and Geoffrey Kenseth.

The hearing was closed at 7:48pm.

Respectfully,



Michael Holden, Clerk